INTERDEPARTMENTAL COMMUNICATION

TO: Urban Design Committee DATE: December 7, 2012

DEPT: FROM: Ed Zimmer

CC: DEPT: Planning

RE: 12/12/12 Agenda Items

Item #2:

Urban Development Department is working with UNL and private developers on a mixed use project east of the UNL parking garage at 17th and Q Streets, including the full block bounded by Q and R Streets, 18th St. and Antelope Valley Parkway. The project involves both a small parcel of Cityowned land and TIF financing so the Committee's comments are sought due to the public-private nature of the endeavor.

The project includes a major parking structure with student housing on the north (R St.) face of the structure, as well as atop the parking levels (similar to the Larson Building project). I have reviewed preliminary designs which I believe may receive some modifications prior to the UDC meeting. The Committee will be asked to advise the City on urban design aspects of the project, and especially on any variations/waivers that might be sought from the Downtown Design Standards.

Item #3:

I will bring process ideas for the annual Urban Design Award, along with suggestions for a standardized means of recognizing the annual winner by a plaque, certificate, or other token.

Item #4:

I'm drafting a 2012 annual report of the committee for your consideration, with design assistance from Stacey Hageman.

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